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SUBJECT: GREEK LEGISLATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR ACCESSION TO EC ON
EVE OF COORDINATION MINISTERS DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS

1. ON THE EVE OF MINISTER OF COORDINATION PANAGIS PAPALIGOURAS'
DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 23 FOR NEW TALKS IN BRUSSELS
ON GREEK ACCESSION TO THE EEC, PARLIAMENT PASSED LEGIS-
LATION SEPTEMBER 22 CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER
PREPARATIONS FOR GREEK ENTRY.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE LEGISLATION DESIGNATES THE
MINISTER OF COORDINATION AS GREEK REPRESENTATIVE IN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC AND SETS UP EC NEGOTIATING
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AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES UNDER THE MINISTER. WHILE

THE COORDINATION MINISTRY WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED
BY NEW APPOINTMENTS AND TRAINING, OTHER GOG MINISTRIES
WILL ALSO PROVIDE SPECIAL SERVICES IN PREPARATION FOR
EC MEMBERSHIP.

3. DURING DEBATE ON THE DRAFT LAW, OPPOSITION CDU
LEADER GEORGE MAVROS CRITICIZED SOME ASPECTS OF THE
LEGISLATION AND CALLED FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION
ON EC ISSUES. PASOK LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU
AGAIN OPPOSED GREEK ACCESSION AND CRITICIZED GOG CONDUCT
OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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